

Hillcrest Herald

Catch the Breeze! December 15, 2023 Edition



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'Tis the Season at HC!



Admin Bulletin

It's hard to believe that the winter holidays are upon us. Not only have our Hurricanes been busy learning, growing and creating, but we have been demonstrating Caring (our December focus word) in a number of ways. Thank you to our Hillcrest families that contributed to our Holiday Helpers gift-giving program, and to everyone that brought in blankets for Penny's Purpose, our Student Council donation drive. As we get ready to turn the calendar to welcome 2024, we are especially grateful for the generosity and support of our Hurricane family. Thank you and Happy Holidays!



Hurricanes to Adopt Brand New Logo

Families Get to Vote

The Hillcrest Hurricanes will be adopting a new official school logo and your vote counts! Please select your favorite choice on this [voting document](#). Voting closes at the end of the day on Tuesday, December 19th so don't miss out!

Hurricanes in the Spotlight

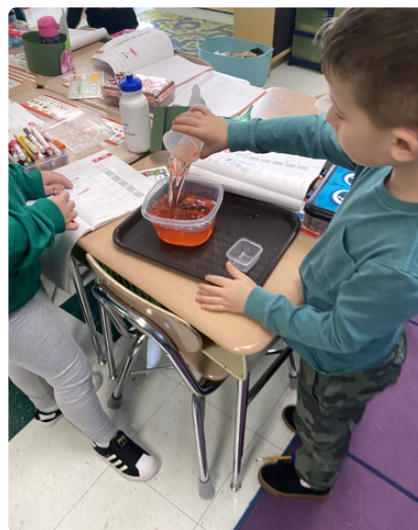
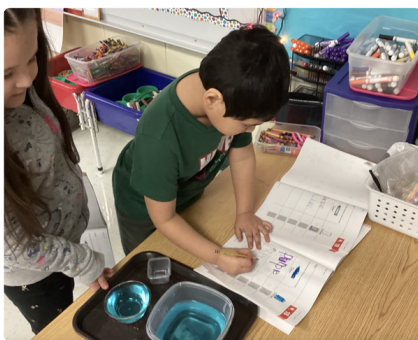
Snow Buddies

Hillcrest students added snowflakes to our winter Diversity Board, showing that our students, just like snowflakes, are all special.



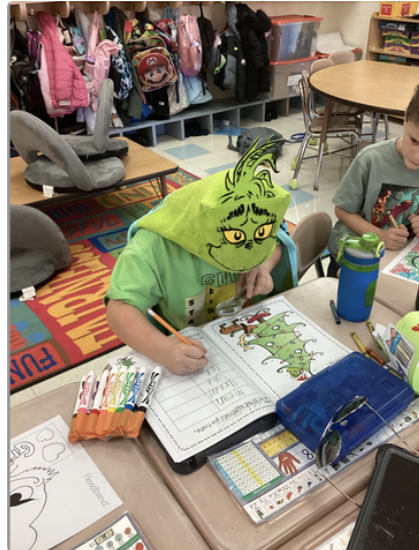
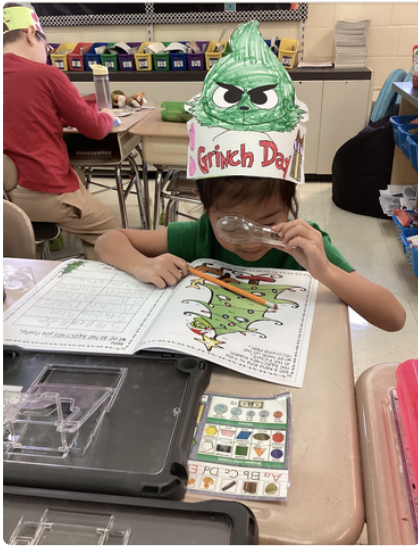
Young Mathematicians

Miss Obrochta's kindergarteners worked on comparing the capacity of containers by counting and recording the number of scoops required to fill each one.



First Grade Grinches

First graders participated in various Grinch themed learning activities this week. They wrote about times "when they feel like The Grinch," colored mystery pictures, played a challenging Grinch triple toss math game, and enjoyed comparing and contrasting the book to the movie.



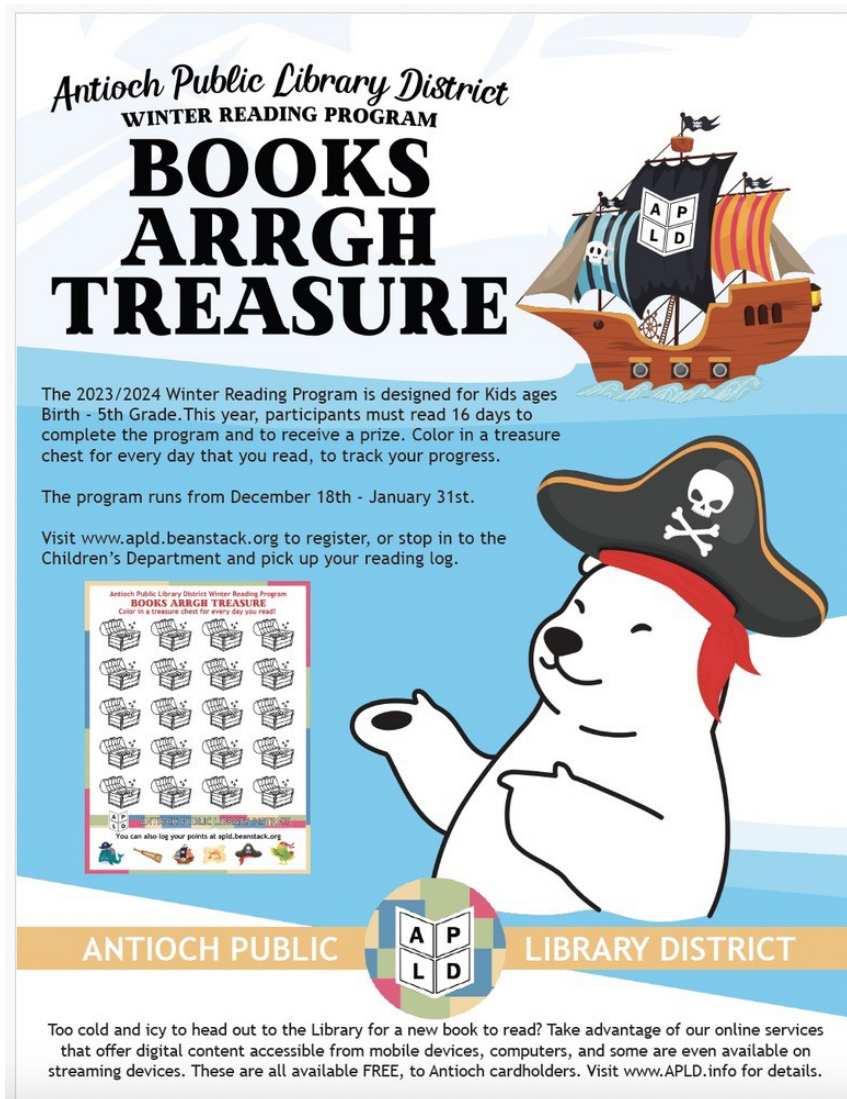
2nd Grade World Travelers

Second grade students have been "traveling around the world" learning about different cultures, traditions, and holidays celebrated. Next up- Saudi Arabia, Israel, England, and Sweden!





Winter Reading Program



D34 Headlines

Human Resources:

We are hiring! Please visit antioch34.com to view our open positions.

Technology:

iPad concerns

The technology department has seen an increase in headphone plugs breaking off in the iPads. Please help us remind students of the proper way to put headphones in the port and to never transport the iPad with the headphones attached. If the piece breaks off inside, please have your son/daughter report it to the teacher ASAP. The sound will not work with this piece broken off in the port. Please encourage your student to be very careful with the headphone jack.

Common Sense Media

The link below is a great link for parents to help teach their students about proper technology use and how to keep them safe using the internet. Antioch CCSD 34 uses some of the resources from this website as well to help with digital citizenship.

[Common Sense Media](#)

Additionally, Common Sense Media has information that can help with internet services or home devices. Please [click here to find out if you qualify for free internet](#).

Apple has released the new operating system, iOS 17.2, which the Technology Department pushed out to all devices Tuesday. If you notice a student's iPad is asking to be updated, please push the button to allow it. It may ask to be updated at night, which is fine as long as the iPad is connected to the internet. This update should help with certain program issues that we are seeing in the district.

The district will send the command to force the update, but students/staff may interrupt the download. If this happens, the students/staff should manually install the update.

To install update go to: Settings → General → Software Update

Student Services:

Is your family experiencing homelessness?

Please reach out to your school's principal, social worker, or the Antioch CCSD 34 Homeless Liaison for support.

More information can be found on our website: <https://www.antioch34.com/Page/131>

Business Services & Operations:

School Fees

Monthly invoices for outstanding fees were emailed on 12/1/2023. Payments of check or cash can be made at the District office. Please make checks payable to Antioch School District 34. To pay fees online, please access the Rycor link available in your students PowerSchool account. Below is the link for PowerSchool: <https://antioch34.powerschool.com/public/home.html> or you can call Cheryl Masnova to make a payment with your credit card at 847-838-8423.

Please note that if you are looking for your school fees to be waived a separate application must be completed and submitted)

2023-2024 Fee Waiver: [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

All required supporting financial documentation must be submitted.

Lunch Fees

Please add funds to your child's lunch account. We are currently carrying high negative balances. If you need assistance please contact JulieByczek, Food Service Coordinator at 847-838-8409 between 7am-1:30pm or via email at jbyczek@antioch34.com. To make payment of a check or cash can be made at the District office. Please make checks payable to Antioch School District 34. To pay fees online, please access the Rycor link available in your students PowerSchool account. Below is the link for PowerSchool: <https://antioch34.powerschool.com/public/home.html> or you can call Cheryl Masnova to make a payment with your credit card at 847-838-8423.

Families receiving Free/Reduced Benefits are reminded to re-apply each year. This benefit does not automatically renew. An [Income Eligibility Application](#) must be filled out to renew your benefits for the current school year.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please help us work together to be good stewards of all taxpayer dollars. If you have any questions about your account or if payment has been made and you have received this notification in error, please email mtretofrench@antioch34.com.



847-838-8181

Absence Hotline

Important Attendance Reminder!

Please call the absence hotline if your child will not be in school. Calls made to the main office need to be transferred to ensure accurate attendance and allow our office staff to respond to other matters. Thank you!

Hillcrest Absence Hotline

Let's CONNECT: Time for a Chat?

The Hillcrest principals would love a chance to sit down with you over coffee. Please email Holly Kaprosy to set up a time for a coffee chat.

hkaprosy@antioch34.com



Catch our Hurricane Spirit!

To help us stay connected, please share pictures of our Hurricanes in action on Twitter, by using #D34ALLin. We can't wait to see your smiling faces!

Hurricane Forecast

Dec. 18-21- Spirit week

Dec. 21- Community meeting

Dec. 21- Early release, 2:35 PM

Dec. 22- Jan. 5- Winter break

Jan. 8- School resumes



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

AND
Happy New Year



Holly Kaprosy

Holly is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters